

lists, or holding of such elections, and to afford them all proper facilities to freely and fully witness the same, and the canvass of the votes cast thereat, and the preparation and sealing of the official returns thereof, and to make an abstract of the same if so desired, and the fact that any of said persons so appointed shall be refused or denied the rights and privileges herein given by any board or judges of election, shall be deemed *prima facie* evidence that the votes cast thereat upon the removal of said county seat are fraudulent and void.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, except as to section one which is to take effect from and after the adoption of the same, as provided herein.

Approved March 9, 1874.

CHAPTER LXXIV.

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE COUNTY SEAT OF LE SUEUR COUNTY FROM THE TOWN OF LE SUEUR, TO THE VILLAGE OF CLEVELAND, IN SAID COUNTY.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That the county seat of Le Sueur county in the state of Minnesota, be and the same is hereby removed from the town of Le Sueur where it is now located, to the village of Cleveland, in said county.

SEC. 2. At the time of giving notice of the next general election, it shall be the duty of the officers of said county of Le Sueur, required by law to give notice of such election, to give notice in like manner that at said election a vote will be taken on the question of adopting this act removing the county seat from the town of Le Sueur to the village of Cleveland, as provided in section one of this act. But no failure of or irregularity in such notice or in the giving of such notice, shall in any way vitiate the vote on such question.

SEC. 3. At said election the electors of said county in favor of the removal of the said county seat, as provided in this act, shall have distinctly written or printed, or partly written and partly printed on their ballots, "for removal of county seat," those opposed to such removal, "against removal of county seat." And such bal-

lots shall be received by the judges of election and canvassed at the same time and in the same manner, and returned to the same officers as votes for county officers.

SEC. 4. The county canvassing board of said county of Le Sueur, to which said election returns shall be made, shall canvass the votes on said question at the same time and in the same manner as returns of the votes for county officers. And if upon such canvass being made it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast at such election were voted in favor of the adoption of this act, and for the removal of the county seat, then an abstract of the canvass of said votes shall be made separate and distinct from the other county returns of said election, and signed and certified in the same manner as in cases of abstract of votes for county officers, and shall be deposited in the office of the county auditor of said county of Le Sueur, and the said county auditor shall immediately thereafter transmit to the secretary of state a true copy of said abstract, duly certified by said auditor.

SEC. 5. If this act shall be adopted by a majority of the electors of said county of Le Sueur voting at said election, then in that case the governor of the state shall forthwith make proclamation as provided by law in such cases. And it is hereby made the duty of all officers who are required by law to hold their offices at the county seat, to remove their said officers, books, papers and records to the county seat in the village of Cleveland, within thirty (30) days after the removal of said county seat as is in this act provided, without further or other notice than as above provided. And any failure, neglect or delay to so remove each and every office, as herein directed, shall operate as a forfeiture of all and every right of the officer or officers who may refuse, neglect or delay, to comply with all the requirements of this act, to the further continuance in any of the offices that he or they shall neglect or refuse to remove as above directed.

SEC. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, except section one, (1) which is to take effect and be in force from and after the adoption of the same as provided herein.

Approved February 24, 1874.